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Summary of Exhibits

NATIONAL FOREST MOTOR CAMP

That camping and other forms of outdoor recreation have a direct beneficial influence on health and the development of sturdy character and good citizenship is generally recognized. However, certain precautions to prevent forest fires and the pollution of streams and camp grounds are necessary to maintain attractive and healthful recreation areas.

The development of the National Forests as popular recreation grounds increases the hazard of man-caused fires and creates problems in sanitation and other difficulties, which can be solved by thorough cooperation of all concerned.

It is the purpose of this exhibit group, while making the popular appeal which outdoor life, and particularly motor camping, has for most of us, at the same time bring to mind the need of a properly made camp fire and the proper disposal of camp refuse.

The scene shows a family motor party camped on the shore of a beautiful high-mountain lake. In the center is a miniature properly made camp fire over which a man is cooking something in a frying pan. By means of little flame-shaped strips of colored silk and a concealed light and fan, a fire is simulated. On the right is a rough camp table, such as the Forest Service supplies at many of its public camp grounds. The table is set for a meal and on the bench beside it a little girl is sitting, feeding a dog. There are also the figures of a woman and baby in the group.

In the foreground of the painted background is a motor car with tent attached, and at one side a trail leads out with a sign on the tree beside it, "To Garbage Pit."

The group is housed in a booth 8 feet deep and 10 feet wide, draped with coarse burlap. A sign over the front opening is worded "The National Forest - Yours to Enjoy" and another below the opening "Leave a Clean Camp and a Dead Fire."

The group ready for shipment weighs approximately 750 pounds.

